



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

*The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - February 26, 2021*

## Texas Freeze Disaster Resources

The first step when dealing with damaged homes, schools, or church buildings is to contact your insurance company. Once that is done, there are options for additional assistance, including the Texas District Disaster Relief Fund. You are not alone, and we are here to help!

Below are forms and information that will help you get started on your recovery efforts:

- [Self Report Damage](#) - This form will help us understand the scope of damage sustained by our congregations and schools across the state.
- [FEMA Claims](#) - This webpage provides information regarding FEMA assistance.
- [Texas District Disaster Relief Grant](#) - This grant may be able to provide monetary assistance with insurance deductibles.

If you sustained zero damage from the storm, we celebrate with you! If you feel called to help others that endured damage, please donate to [Texas District Disaster Relief](#). Volunteers are also needed. Click [HERE](#) to apply to volunteer across Texas.

Another way you may want to help is to join our friends at [Water Mission](#) as they partner with Plumbers Without Borders and the Austin Disaster Relief Network to restore water to Austin families. Please donate [HERE](#).

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## The Lutheran Witness Cancels Free Issues for Congregations

Beginning November 2020 Concordia Publishing House, the publishing arm of The LCMS who prints, publishes, and distributes The Lutheran Witness decided it was no longer cost-effective to provide free subscriptions to congregations. If your congregation wants to resubscribe to The Lutheran Witness for the annual rate of \$14.25, please contact [Nicole Kelley](#).

Please note that this does not apply to retired LCMS pastors. Retired pastors will continue to receive their free copy of the Lutheran Witness.

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## LCMS Life Conference

Making Disciples > Valuing Life March 19-20, 2021

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## 2020 Congregation Statistical Reports

If your congregation has questions or needs assistance using the online reporting tools, or help accessing their login information, contact [rosters.stats@lcms.org](mailto:rosters.stats@lcms.org), or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267. Deadline for reporting statistics this year is March 31st.

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## Lutherans for Life Essay Contest

Lutheran Students grades 6 through 12 are invited to write a life-affirming essay based on the theme "God Chose You." Download the Texas guidelines and rubrics [HERE](#). Entries may be submitted by April 1, 2021.

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## Prayers of Healing, Strength and Encouragement

- Mrs. Debbie Frick, wife of Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse, TX)
  - Mrs. Della Heckmann, widow of Rev. Harold Heckmann
  - Mrs. Kathy Hirsch, wife of Rev. Dr. John Hirsch (Em., Round Rock)
  - Mrs. Arlene Loesch, wife of Rev. Don Loesch (Em., Naacagdoches) to undergo Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery for Parkinsons
  - Mrs. Leann McClain (Immanuel Lutheran School, Giddings)
  - Mrs. Margaret Sturgis, wife of Rev. Jim Sturgis (Em., Portland, TX)
  - Mrs. Elaine Walquist, wife of Rev. Randy Walquist (Em., Spring)
  - DCE John Williams (Em., Kingwood) hospitalized following a stroke
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This week we pray for...

- [Fortress Lutheran Church, Harker Heights](#) led by Rev. Gerry Harrow and Vicar Ryan Pennington
- [Glocal Mission International](#), Houston led by Rev. Dr. David Kim
- [Hispanic Ministry, Dallas](#) led by Rev. Eddie Torea and Rev. Beto Alzate

Click and become a [Mission Prayer Partner](#) and receive the prayer list every Monday!

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## Ministry Calls - Commissioned

Mr. Kevin Meyer, Immanuel Lutheran School, Lewiston, MN to Principal, St. Paul Lutheran School, Thorndale

Mr. Stephen Robbins, Lutheran High School, Parker, CO to Executive Director, Lutheran School, Dallas

DCE Kathryn Schneider, Word of Life, Cibolo to Resurrection, Spring

## Ministry Calls - Ordained

## Texas District Community Event Calendar

Texas District congregations and schools can [submit their special events](#) to be included on our website *Community Event Calendar*.

### Upcoming Texas District Events

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Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
**MARKETING, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION**  
**Professional School Leaders Day**  
@ Salem Lutheran School, Tomball  
Contact [School Ministry Office](#) for additional information

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June 10-12, 2021  
**2021 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
San Marcos Conference Center  
San Marcos, TX

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